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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: CONVERSATION WITH INDONESIAN DELEGATE,
SUMARJO

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1. DELIVERY OF SECRETARY'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON INDONESIAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY PROVIDED WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW NAC
DEVELOPMENTS WITH AMBASSADOR SUMARJO.

2. KOREA: SUMARJO SAID NORTH KOREANS AND SOUTH KOREANS HAVE BOTH
BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR LOBBYING EFFORTS AND CONFERENCE MEMBERS
SHARPLY DIVIDED ON KOREAN QUESTION. HE EXPECTED IT WOULD BE ONLY
ISSUE OF MAJOR DISSENSION FOR NAC. NONETHELESS, HE FELT MODERATES
WOULD NOT, AND UNDER TYPICAL NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE PROCEDURES,
COULD NOT SPEAK OUT. RESULT WOULD BE PRO-NORTH KOREAN LANGUAGE.
HIS DELEGATION WOULD MAKE STATEMENT OF ITS OWN CALLING FOR
BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. PUERTO RICO: SITUATION IN TERMS OF US INTERESTS WAS
WORSE IN CASE OF PUERTO RICO IN SUMARJO'S VIEW. IT APPEARED NO
CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT WAS PREPARED TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST
CUBAN PROPOSALS. BY IMPLICATION, HE INCLUDED HIS OWN
DELEGATION.

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4. TIMOR: CONTROVERSY WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND A FEW RADICAL AFRICAN STATES OVER TIMOR HAD SURFACED IN CONFERENCE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF PROPOSED MOZAMBIQUE AMENDMENT TO DRAFT DECLARATION IDENTIFYING TIMOR AS A COLONY. THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND REFERRED TO DRAFTING GROUP. POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD PRESUMABLY TAKE UP DRAFT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

5. SUMARJO FELT MATTER COULD STILL BLOW UP. INDONESIA HAD SUPPORT OF ARAB GROUP BUT AFRICANS WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND THOSE WHO WERE INDIFFERENT. VIETNAM HAD SUPPORTED MOZAMBIQUE POSITION.

6. ECONOMIC ISSUES: SUMARJO PERSISTED IN INDONESIAN POINT OF VIEW THAT CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC ISSUES WAS MAJOR ELEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE. WHILE NO NEW SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS WOULD EMERGE, CONFERENCE WOULD, HE SAID HOPEFULLY, PUT POLITICAL FORCE BEHIND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' DEMAND FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. HE FELT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WOULD LOOK TO PARIS CONFERENCE AND UNCTAD FOLLOW-UP FOR RESULTS, BUT WERE SUFFICIENTLY DISCONTENT NOT TO REFER TO CIEC IN FAVORABLE TERMS.

7. MEMBERSHIP: INDONESIA CONSIDERED ACCEPTANCE OF PHILIPPINES AS GUEST TO BE SETBACK. LARGE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS, HE FELT, SUPPORT OBSERVER STATUS FOR PHILIPPINES AND "CONSENSIQ" FINDING OF VOEST STATUS REVEALED HOW A MINORITY COULD AFFECT CONFERENCE RESULTS.

8. RADICAL DOMINANCE: SUMARJO THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION REFERRED TO CONTROL EXERCISED OVER THE CONFERENCE BY MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF MOVEMENT. HE DID NOT FIND MUCH TO BLAME IN DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL CHAIRMAN KADUMA AND RATHER ATTRIBUTED SITUATION TO RETICENCE OF MODERATE MEMBERS.
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